



*BUILDING THE DISABILITY  
COMMUNITY'S 2022  
WASHINGTON STATE  
LEGISLATIVE OMNIBUS  
REQUEST*

**BUILDING A VEHICLE TO GET US TO A  
*PURPOSEFUL DESTINATION***

# OMNIBUS VEHICLES HAVE WORKED FOR OTHER PRIORITIES

*An **omnibus bill** is a proposed law that covers a number of diverse or unrelated topics. Omnibus is derived from Latin and means "to, for, by, with or from everything". An omnibus bill is a single document that is accepted in a single vote by a legislature but packages together several measures into one or combines diverse subjects. Because of their large size and scope, omnibus bills limit opportunities for debate and scrutiny. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Omnibus\\_bill](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Omnibus_bill)*

# INITIAL GUIDING PRINCIPLES



- Our community does not have the adequate resources necessary to thrive.
- If we don't do something bold now, we'll be struggling with the exact same challenges in 20 years.
- Our community has precious few resources. We can and should improve leveraging those resources, organizing around a singular focus.
- We won't ever get what we don't ask for.
- Those closest to the problems are closest to the solutions.

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- Working separately on individual proposals every year will not force the kind of overhaul and reinvention that we desperately need.



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- Working together will allow us to bring our individual organizations' full steam to push a large omnibus package.



# PROPOSALS WOULD:

- Act as if there are no political confines. For example, “we can’t do that because unions or DDA won’t agree”
- Assume there are no budgetary confines.
- Prioritize and center Black, Indigenous, people of color, and those furthest from accessibility justice. (People who cannot access the infrastructure supports for whatever reason should be centered in the proposal)
- Align with current best practices for home and community-based living (no congregated care; no sub minimum wages, etc)

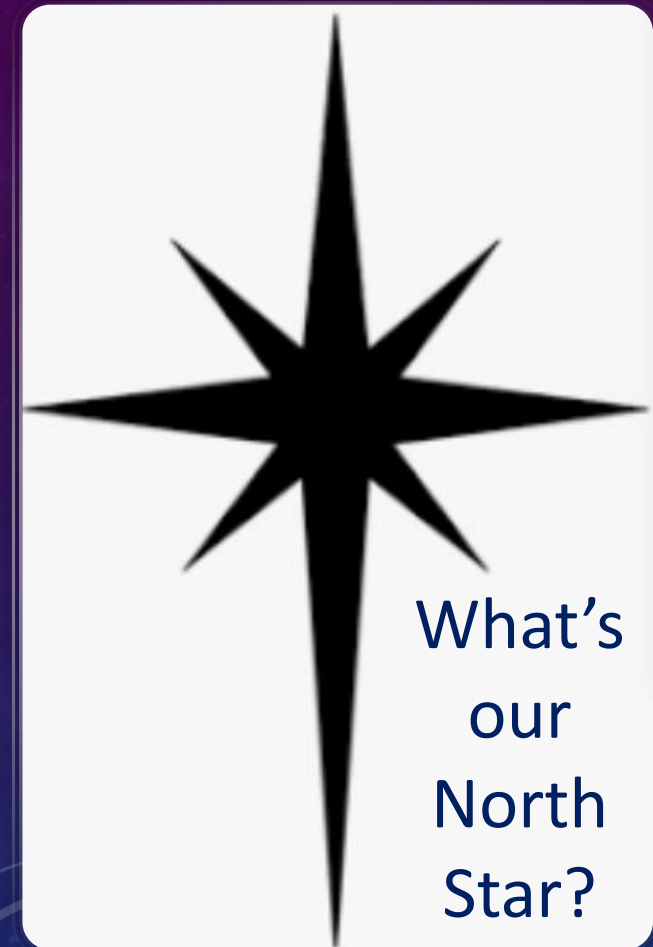


# EXAMPLES OF POSSIBLE NORTH STAR LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

- No person waits for services (“no paid services caseload” does not exist)
- Full day programs as well as employment supports are available and fully funded for every person who needs them.
- Care providers are paid a thriving wage.
- Eliminate language barriers that prevent Washington residents from accessing essential services




# AN OMNIBUS BILL OR A DD TRUST ACT (SIMILAR TO THE LONG-TERM CARE TRUST ACT) COULD BE A GREAT VEHICLE TO BRING OUR NORTH STARS TO FRUITION



- Created by the disability community, for the disability community.
- Bill would include the whole communities' legislative priorities.
- Legislators' only job would be to figure out how to fund it.
- This approach is feasible whether we are "reprioritized" or funded with new revenue



## DRAFT TIMELINE:



What's  
our  
North  
Star?

- January - March: Brainstorming calls
- April - June: Logistics calls
- July & August: Synthesize, strategize, and prioritize
- September & October: Ask legislative staff to prepare bill
- November: Get legislative co-sponsors; advertise the bill at forums, etc.
- December: Pre-file the Omnibus bill



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NONE OF US CAN DO THIS ALONE.

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